

Friday, June 19, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6641–S6733

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2194–2198, S. Res. 252, and S. Con. Res. 104. **Page S6698**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 1677, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act. (S. Rept. No. 105–218)

H.R. 1211, for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation, with an amendment.

S. Res. 176, proclaiming the week of October 18 through October 24, 1998, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Page S6697**

Measures Passed:

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Integration of the Armed Forces: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 104, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the integration of the Armed Forces.

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Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act: Senate passed S. 1379, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, and the National Security Act of 1947 to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons, and disclose Nazi war criminal records without impairing any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6724–30**

Warner (for DeWine/Leahy) Amendment No. 2782, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6725–30**

Department of Defense Authorizations: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2057, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths

for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Thurmond Amendment No. 2738, to reduce amounts authorized to be appropriated under titles I, II, and III and division B in order to reflect savings resulting from revised economic assumptions, and to increase funding for operation and maintenance for the Army National Guard and funding for verification and control technology of the Department of Energy. **Page S6668**

Levin (for Biden) Amendment No. 2739, to provide increases in the monthly rates of hazardous duty pay for aerial flight crewmembers in grades E–4 through E–9 that are comparable to the increases that took effect in the rates of such pay for other grades in fiscal year 1998. **Page S6669**

Thurmond Amendment No. 2449, regarding ship transfers to foreign countries. **Pages S6669–70**

Levin (for Ford/Bond/Lott/Stevens/Grassley) Amendment No. 2740, to revise and clarify the authority for Federal support of National Guard drug interdiction and counterdrug activities. **Pages S6670–71**

Thurmond Amendment No. 2741, to establish additional requirements relating to the relocation of Federal frequencies. **Pages S6671–72**

Levin (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2742, to prohibit members of the Armed Forces from entering into correctional facilities to present decorations to persons who commit certain crimes before being presented such decorations. **Page S6672**

Thurmond/Levin Amendment No. 2743, to make technical corrections to certain provisions relating to military construction projects. **Page S6672**

Thurmond (for Kempthorne/Cleland/Akaka) Amendment No. 2744, to waive time limitations for award of the Distinguished-Service Cross and Distinguished-Service medal to certain persons. **Pages S6672–74**

Thurmond (for Warner) Amendment No. 2745, to reduce the authority in section 1012 to enter into long-term charters for three vessels in support of submarine rescue, escort, and towing. **Page S6674**

Thurmond (for McCain) Amendment No. 2746, to broaden the eligibility for diving duty special pay to include personnel who maintain proficiency as a diver while serving in a position for which diving is a nonprimary duty. **Page S6674**

Thurmond (for Coats/Glenn) Amendment No. 2747, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into multiyear contracts under certain aircraft procurement programs. **Page S6674**

Thurmond (for Warner) Amendment No. 2748, to transfer \$15,895,000 between Navy authorizations for the remote minehunting system program. **Page S6675**

Thurmond/Levin/Santorum/Lieberman Amendment No. 2749, to modify the authority relating to the Department of Defense Laboratory Revitalization Demonstration Program. **Page S6675**

Levin Amendment No. 2750, to redesignate the position of Director of Defense Research and Engineering, abolish the position of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, and transfer the duties of the latter position to the former position. **Pages S6675-76**

Thurmond Amendment No. 2751, to make technical corrections to section 802, relating to procurement of travel services. **Page S6676**

Thurmond (for Warner) Amendment No. 2752, to require a plan for facilitating a rapid transition from successfully completed research under the Small Business Innovation Research program into defense acquisition programs. **Pages S6676-77**

Levin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2753, to set aside RDT&E funds for a NATO alliance ground surveillance concept definition. **Page S6677**

Thurmond (for Warner) Amendment No. 2754, to provide a period of open enrollment for the Survivor Benefit Plan. **Pages S6677-78**

Thurmond (for Thompson/Glenn) Amendment No. 2755, to revise a definition of the term "senior executive" for purposes of the limitation on allowability of compensation for certain contractor personnel. **Pages S6678-79**

Thurmond (for Thompson/Glenn) Amendment No. 2756, to apply certain revisions of commercial pricing regulations government wide. **Page S6679**

Thurmond (for Thompson/Glenn) Amendment No. 2757, to prevent the automatic application to a subcontract of an exceptional waiver of requirements for submission of cost or pricing data that is granted in the case of the prime contract. **Pages S6679-80**

Thurmond (for DeWine/Inhofe) Amendment No. 2758, to require physicians providing military health care to possess unrestricted licenses, and to require the establishment of a system for monitoring the sat-

isfaction of applicable continuing medical education requirements. **Pages S6680-81**

Thurmond (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2759, to clarify the eligibility of dependents of United States Customs Service employees to enroll in Department of Defense dependents schools in Puerto Rico. **Pages S6681-82**

Thurmond (for Roberts) Amendment No. 2760, to require a report relating to the so-called "1 plus 1 barracks initiative". **Page S7782**

Levin (for Graham/DeWine/Grassley) Amendment No. 2761, to express the sense of the Congress that a higher priority should be given drug interdiction and counter-drug activities of the Department of Defense under the Global Military Force Policy. **Page S6683**

Thurmond (for Santorum) Amendment No. 2762, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a barter agreement during fiscal years 1999 through 2003 to exchange vehicles for repair and remanufacture of ribbon bridges for the Marine Corps. **Page S6683**

Levin (for Graham) Amendment No. 2763, to enhance the fiscal position of the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies for meeting the increasing responsibilities designated for the Center by the Secretary of Defense. **Page S6683**

Thurmond (for Gorton/Murray) Amendment No. 2764, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to enter into cost-sharing partnerships to operate the Hazardous Materials Management and Emergency Response training facility, Richland, Washington. **Pages S6683-84**

Thurmond (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 2765, to add home school diploma recipients to the pilot program for treating GED recipients as high school graduates for enlistment purposes. **Page S6684**

Thurmond (for Gorton) Amendment No. 2766, to state the sense of the Senate regarding oil spill prevention training for personnel on board Navy vessels. **Pages S6684-85**

Levin (for Reid) Amendment No. 2767, to add \$4,000,000 for research and development on the expeditionary common automatic recovery and landing system and \$1,000,000 for research and development on the K-band testing obscuration pairing system, and to offset the increase by reducing the amount for Marine Corps procurement for communications and electronic infrastructure support by \$5,000,000. **Page S6685**

Thurmond (for Mack) Amendment No. 2768, to expand certain land conveyance authority, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. **Page S6685**

Thurmond (for Allard/Campbell) Amendment No. 2769, to authorize the conveyance of certain water rights and related rights at Rocky Mountain Arsenal,

Colorado, for purposes of acquiring certain perpetual contracts for water. **Pages S6685-86**

Levin (for Murray) Amendment No. 2770, to make available \$2,500,000 for the activities of the Hanford Health Information Network. **Page S6687**

Thurmond/Bingaman Amendment No. 2771, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Energy to appoint certain scientific, engineering, and technical personnel. **Page S6687**

Thurmond/Bingaman Amendment No. 2772, to extend the authority of the Department of Energy to pay voluntary separation incentive payments through December 31, 2000. **Page S6687**

Thurmond (for Grams/D'Amato) Amendment No. 2773, to extend the reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950. **Pages S6687-88**

Thurmond Amendment No. 2774, to establish certain budgeting and other policies regarding United States operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. **Pages S6688-89**

Thurmond (for Snowe/Cleland) Amendment No. 2775, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on the objectives of a contingency operation when the President submits to Congress the first request for funding the operation. **Page S6689**

Levin (for Robb/Santorum) Amendment No. 2776, to carry out a pilot program for revitalizing the laboratories and test and evaluation centers of the Department of Defense. **Pages S6689-90**

Thurmond (for Gramm/McCain) Amendment No. 2777, to protect the voting rights of military personnel. **Page S6690**

Thurmond (for Warner) Amendment No. 2778, to require a review and report on research on pharmacological interventions for reversing brain injury resulting from head injuries incurred in combat or exposures to chemical weapons. **Pages S6690-91**

Thurmond (for Bond) Amendment No. 2779, to modify the authority relating to the demonstration project to provide the FEHBP health care option to medicare-eligible military health care beneficiaries. **Page S6691**

Levin/Thurmond Amendment No. 2780, to authorize amounts for NATO common-funded budgets. **Pages S6691-92**

Levin Amendment No. 2781, to require reports on the development of the European Security and Defense Identity within the NATO Alliance. **Page S6692**

Pending:

Feinstein Amendment No. 2405, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Indian nuclear tests. **Page S6641**

Brownback Amendment No. 2407 (to Amendment No. 2405), to repeal a restriction on the provi-

sion of certain assistance and other transfers to Pakistan. **Page S6641**

Warner motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with all amendments agreed to in status quo and with a Warner Amendment No. 2735 (to the instructions on the motion to recommit), condemning forced abortions in the People's Republic of China. **Pages S6665-68**

Warner Amendment No. 2736 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6665-68**

Warner Amendment No. 2737 (to Amendment No. 2736), condemning human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China. **Pages S6666-68**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, June 23, 1998. **Page S6666**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, June 22, 1998.

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Susan Oki Mollway, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, on Monday, June 22, 1998 at 3 p.m., with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S6723**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Estonia on Mutual Legal Assistance In Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 105-52).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. **Page S6730**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany the Convention for the Protection of Plants, with one reservation, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104-17) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-15) **Pages S6697-98**

Report to accompany the International Grains Agreement, 1995, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105-4) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-16) **Page S6698**

Report to accompany the Trademark Law Treaty with Regulations, with two declarations and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105-35) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-17) **Page S6698**

Report to accompany the Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104-36) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-18) **Page S6698**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Eric David Newsom, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Amendments Submitted:

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Additional Statements:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 3:20 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, June 22, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6730.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4090-4100; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 291-292, and H. Res. 480-481 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3849, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a national policy against Federal and State regulation of Internet access and online services, and to exercise congressional jurisdiction over interstate and foreign commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce conducted over the Internet, amended (H. Rept. 105-570, part 2);

H.R. 3892, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a program to help children and youth learn English, amended (H. Rept. 105-587); and

H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105-588).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Military Construction Appropriations Act: The House agreed to H. Res. 477, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 by a yeas and nays vote of 231 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 248.

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Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act: The House agreed to H. Res. 478, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

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Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act: The House resumed debate on H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office. The bill was previously debated on May 22, June 17, and June 18.

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Agreed To:

The Maloney of New York amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that establishes a 12 member Independent Commission on Campaign Finance Reform to submit recommendations within 180 days after the 105th Congress adjourns with recommendations to be considered similar to those for the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (agreed to by a recorded vote of 325 yeas to 78 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 250); and

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The Gillmor amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that adds provisions to ensure the equal participation of eligible voters in campaigns and elections notwithstanding the fact that the voter that lives outside of the United States or is employed by a foreign subsidiary or a multinational corporation (agreed to by a recorded vote of 395 yeas with none voting "no" and 3 voting "present," No. 251).

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Rejected:

The Thomas amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute, debated on June 18,